



# **MICHIGAN ADOPTION DAY**

**Giving thanks for families**

**Tuesday, November 24, 2015**

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**Michigan Adoption Day 2015 to be held Tuesday, November 24, 2015**  
**The state's celebration of adoptive families is now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year!**

Kalamazoo, MI, November 24, 2015 – Courtrooms don't usually feature laughing children, beaming parents, teddy bears or balloons. But on Adoption Day happy families will be seen celebrating in many Michigan courtrooms, along with judges, court staff and social workers.

In what is now a holiday tradition for many Michigan courts, Michigan Adoption Day will be celebrated on November 24. The event is held on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving each year, highlighting the importance of adoption and the needs of children in foster care.

Kalamazoo County will hold its Adoption Day Event at the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court – Family Division, 1400 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49048. The event will be a celebration, including a carnival theme. The ceremony and event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**Michigan Adoption Fast Facts:**

- As of September 30, approximately 13,000 children were in the foster care system. The vast majority are victims of abuse and neglect.
- There are about 2,400 children who have the goal of adoption. The courts and the Department of Health and Human Services work to find adoptive parents for these children.
- More than 1,700 children were adopted through the Michigan Department of Human and Human Services and private adoption agencies in fiscal year 2014. Most were adopted by their foster parents or relatives.